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SUBJECT: CCD: WESTERN GROUP MEETING ON MDW, MARCH 14

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1. SUMMARY: WESTERN GROUP MET MORNING OF MARCH 14 TO
DISCUSS POSITIONS AND TACTICS FOR INFORMAL MEETINGS OF
CCD WITH EXPERTS, ON MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS (MDW).
END SUMMARY

2. THE WESTERN GROUP HELD A MEETING, WITH EXPERTS,
MORNING OF MARCH 14 TO DISCUSS POSITIONS AND WESTERN GROUP
TACTICS FOR CCD INFORMALS ON MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS (MDW)
WHICH BEGIN IN AFTERNOON. EXPERTS ON MDW (SEE REFTEL) WERE
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PRESENT FROM ALL COUNTRIES EXCEPT JAPAN, WHICH BROUGHT
JAPANESE CW EXPERT. JAPANESE REP (OGISO) MADE POINT OF
STATING THAT THEIR CW EXPERT WOULD ATTEND INFORMALS, BUT
NOT REPEAT NOT AS MDW EXPERT.

3. BASIC POSITIONS OF WESTERN GROUP ON MDW DO NOT DIFFER
FROM US. ALL AGREE THAT WESTERN GROUP SHOULD LISTEN TO

DISCUSSIONS WITHOUT GETTING INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATING COMMITMENTS IN AN AREA WHERE NO CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF ISSUE EXISTS; INTEGRITY OF EXISTING AGREEMENTS, PARTICULARLY DIMINION OF BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION OVER USE OF RECOMBINANT DNA MOLECULES, MUST BE PRESERVED; QUESTIONS OF DEFINITION, SCOPE, AND VERIFICATION CAN ONLY BE DEALT WITH ON CASE-BY CASE APPROACH; AND PROPAGANDA VALUE OF SOVIET MDW PROPOSAL SHOULD BE MINIMIZED.

4. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT NO STATEMENTS BE MADE BY WESTERN GROUP MEMBERS DURING FIRST INFORMAL MEETING; HOWEVER, COMMENTS WARRANTED BY UNACCEPTABLE SOVIET PRONOUNCEMENTS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. COMMENTS RE BW WOULD BE MADE ONLY IF CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANTED IT. PLENARY STATEMENTS ON MDW, IT WAS AGREED, COULD BE MADE ANY TIME AFTER CLOSE OF MDW INFORMALS.

5. IT WAS AGREED THAT NEXT MEETING OF WESTERN GROUP SCHEDULED FOR MORNING OF MARCH 16, WOULD INCLUDE EXPERTS. CATTO

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